

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTING

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ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

Adopter must fill out an application. Adopter must be 18 years or over. A parent or guardian may adopt an animal for someone younger. An adopter can have no prior violation of regulations, or convictions of inhumane treatment of animals.

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

CORRAL

Fencing at least six feet high for horses over the age of 18 months, five feet high for burros and yearling horses. Fencing material should consist of rounded pipes, poles, wooden boards or similar materials and must not have dangerous protrusions. Barbed wire is not allowed in stalls or corrals.

Small mesh woven wire fencing with a board along the top and center is acceptable. You must be able to back a trailer up to the corral and off-load the animals directly into the enclosure. The enclosure should be at least 20x20 (400 square feet) for each animal, and not over 100 feet x 100 feet. Once gentled, the animal may be maintained in a pasture.

SHELTER

A run-in shed connected to the corral, or box stall and barn with a covered space of at least 12x12 (144 square feet) per animal.

TRANSPORTATION

Adopters must provide their own vehicles or make private arrangements. Standard, covered stock trailers are preferred. Tail gates must swing-out and the opening above the doors must be covered to prevent the animals from escaping. One-horse and two-horse trailers are not acceptable. Drop ramp tail gates on trailers are not acceptable.

HALTERS AND LEAD ROPES

You must provide your own halter and lead rope (no shipping halters). Halters of nylon webbing are best, and lead ropes approximately 10-15 feet long are recommended. BLM will place the halter and lead rope on the animal and load the animal into your trailer.